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Fire Prevention week Oct.4-10

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm

APG Fire Department

Location matters when it comes to your smoke alarm. That's the message behind this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"

Along with firefighters and safety advocates nationwide, Team APG is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10, to remind local residents about the importance of having working smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.

"In a fire, seconds count," said APG Assistant Fire Chief John Roush. "Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep. Home smoke alarms can alert people to a fire before it spreads, giving everyone enough time to get out."

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APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford adds to a discussion about the impact of deployment on military children and families during a "Mental Health Issues in Childhood and Adolescence" workshop during the Community Partnership for Education at Aberdeen High School, Sept. 26. The forum brought together APG leaders, local parents, and educators from Harford, Cecil and Baltimore county public schools and the Maryland State Department of Education.

Community partnership Forum inspires education conversation

Story and photos by YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Military and civilian families from around the community received information about local, county and state educational opportunities during the Community Partnership for Education event at Aberdeen High School, Sept. 26.

The event featured a panel discussion and workshops focused on science, technology, engineering and math, known as STEM, as well as challenges facing children and youth in today's society.

Aberdeen Proving Ground partnered with Harford, Cecil and Baltimore County public school districts as well as the Maryland

State Department of Education to present the first-ever gathering themed, "Investing in the future, planting the seed!"

Parents of kindergarten through 12th-grade students were encouraged to attend the summit for education conversation.

Panel guests included APG Senior Com-

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Team APG hosts first SHARP Expo



Story and photos by RACHEL PONDER
APG News

Approximately 150 people attended the first Team APG Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) Expo held on the Army Research Laboratory Conference Center at APG North (Aberdeen), Sept. 23.

Hosted by the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, the expo featured six interactive exhibits designed to raise awareness about sexual harassment and assault.

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Sherry Williams, a sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) with the Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center at Fort Meade, Maryland, attempts to spell out "consent" while wearing goggles that simulate drunken impairment during the first Team APG Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) Expo at the Army Research Laboratory Conference Center on APG North (Aberdeen), Sept. 23.

Brunch honors Gold Star mothers, families

Story and photos by RACHEL PONDER
APG News

APG recognized Gold Star mothers and family members of fallen service members during a brunch at Top of the Bay, Sept. 27.

The brunch was co-hosted by the Religious Support Office, Army Community Service (ACS) and APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford. The event was held in conjunction with Gold Star Mothers and Families Day, which is held on the last Sunday of September, to honor families of fallen service members.

Thirteen survivors in attendance received words of encouragement and support from members of APG's senior leadership.

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Gold Star father Garry Green compares survivor events to therapy during a brunch honoring Gold Star families at Top of the Bay, Sept. 27. His daughter, Spc. Toccara R. Green, was killed during an improvised explosive device attack on her convoy in Asad, Iraq, Aug. 14, 2005.



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What do you think will be a popular costume this Halloween?

Donald Trump or John Boehner for the adults. For the kids, the last big thing was "Frozen" or "Minions."



Tonaya Watts
RDECOM

Action superheroes, because of movies like "The Avengers."



Reginald Brooks
LRC

Probably Donald Trump, wearing a suit and a crazy hair-do.



Staff Sgt. Travis Bradley
RDECOM

Something that would intimidate people... like a vampire or a werewolf.



Foster Apple
Family member

The Minions, because it's a popular movie. Kids love it.



Sgt. Jason Shick
22nd Chemical Battalion



Answering your questions and concerns

Comment: Can the speed limit on the roads leaving post by the gates be increased to cut down on traffic backups?

I can understand your frustrations about traffic – after a long day of work it’s the last thing anyone wants to deal with. I even asked this same question after I arrived at APG earlier this summer. However, the speed limits at each of the installation’s access control points have been studied to determine the appropriate speed accessing and leaving APG.

While 25 mph may seem slow, it is the safest speed for motorists leaving the installation because the lanes narrow near the access control points. This speed limit allows for both the safety of the inbound ID check lanes and gate guards, and provides enough stopping distance should the barrier be deployed. If the speed limit was raised, outbound barrier strikes may be more frequent and more dangerous.

With the exception of Wise Road on APG South (Edgewood), immediately after exiting the installation the speed limit increases. If you find yourself stuck in traffic after work, talk with your supervisor to determine if a change in your duty hours is possible – a shift of just 15 to 30 minutes can make all the difference.

COL. JAMES E. DAVIS, APG Garrison Commander

Have a question or concern about life at APG? Submit an ICE comment at www.teamAPG.com.

Cooling systems shut down in select buildings

DPW

In accordance with APG Energy Policy Reg 11-1, the Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Operations and Maintenance Division begins a shutdown of selected cooling systems during the week of Sept. 21. The purpose is to perform preventive maintenance on systems and to achieve energy savings. Certain buildings are exempt due to their missions or building designs.

This decision is made based on the weather. Cooling is discontinued when exterior temperatures have fallen below 81

degrees Fahrenheit for three consecutive workdays, and the DPW has determined that cooling will not be needed again until spring. Heating may begin in the fall when daily high temperatures have fallen below 65 degrees Fahrenheit for three consecutive workdays. Facilities will fluctuate temperatures throughout the day and employees should wear layers or otherwise dress accordingly.

To request that a facility be considered for policy exemption, or for more information, contact Energy Manager Devon Rust at 410-306-1125 or at devon.a.rust.civ@mail.mil.



Michele Stevenson, Golf Pro shop clerk

Michele Stevenson is a pro shop clerk at Exton Golf Course on APG South (Edgewood).

Her duties include collecting green fees, stocking the pro shop, and cleaning the clubhouse.

"I like to stay busy, and help out whenever I can," she said.

Stevenson describes herself as a "people person" who enjoys interacting with customers.

"Being a positive person kind of comes naturally to me," she said.

As a military veteran, Stevenson said she is happy to serve the APG community.

"I think it is important to have facilities [like the golf course] on military installations," she said. "Military retirees enjoy being together, they have a shared sense of camaraderie. Also, we have a lot of families that golf together."

She added that Exton is a great course for people who are new to the game.

"I would recommend golf to people who like challenges, and like being outdoors," she said.

Stevenson said she adopted golf as a hobby five years ago. Before working at Exton she volunteered at the Ruggles Golf Course pro shop on APG North

(Aberdeen) for three years. In her spare time, she plays on a 60-member women’s league.

"I just like being at the golf course," she said. "I like being around other golfers. People are always practicing and trying to improve their game. I like working with my coworkers, because we all love to golf."

The Exton Golf Course is part of APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The nine-hole regulation golf course offers league play, a practice range, cart rentals and more and is located at Bldg. E1260 Wise Road on APG South (Edgewood). Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to dusk, Monday to Sunday, April through November; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, December through March, weather permitting, closed weekends.

For more information about the Exton Golf Course call 410-436-2213. For information about upcoming golf events visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation-and-sports/golf-courses>. Facebook users can "like" the Exton and Ruggles page by searching "Ruggles Golf Course" on Facebook.



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Open house pushes APG to think ‘green’

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APG News

In recognition of National Pollution Prevention Week, observed the third week of September, the APG Directorate of Public Works hosted an inaugural Pollution Prevention Week “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” open house at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Sept. 22.

Approximately 30 vendors, including representatives from the DPW and local and state agencies, attended the event to share information about how to reduce individual and collective carbon footprints and prevent pollution. Vendors used games and giveaways to encourage people to implement pollution prevention techniques at home and in the workplace.

Vickie Venzen, qualified recycling program manager for the DPW Environmental Division and event co-organizer, said she hoped “to bring awareness to waste minimizations and management through pollution prevention, reduction and recycling initiatives.” She added that pollution prevention “helps sustain the earth and its natural resources, while minimizing the size and need for landfills.”

Venzen said she and co-organizer Maia Kaiser, DPW pollution prevention program, hope to make the open house an annual event. She believes “people are motivated to do their share when they can see the positive outcomes from their efforts.”

Activities

Venzen and Kaiser operated the pollution prevention wheel game, which taught attendees about recycling, reducing waste and reusing materials. Participants earned prizes such as tote bags, magnets and pencils, all made from recyclable materials.

Beth Martin, U.S. Army Public Health Command supervisory environmental scientist, spoke about the Army’s Net Zero Waste program and how individuals and organizations can help the installation meet its environmental goal.

“The principle is that we will reduce what we can; we will repurpose, reuse, recycle – do anything we can to try to prevent materials from disposal. That’s the goal of net zero waste,” Martin said.



(Clockwise, from top) Jenna Krebs of the Patapsco Valley State Park Scales and Tales Program, handles a great horned owl perched on her arm during the Pollution Prevention Week open house at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center Sept. 22; Cindy Smith, Chief of the DPW Environmental Branch, left, listens as Candace Zaslow of Ride Share by Enterprise, explains how carpooling reduces air pollution; Contractor Evan Hayes, left, tries to figure out the three R's of pollution prevention – reduce, reuse and recycle – during a spin-the-wheel game with qualified recycling program manager and event co-organizer Vickie Venzen.



She said the benefits of net zero waste include reducing petroleum, energy and water usage, as well as decreasing natural resource consumption.

“All of these things help support a healthier working environment,” Martin said.

Vendor Jenna Krebs, from the Patapsco Valley State Park Scales and Tales Program, displayed several animals, including three injured birds: a great horned owl, red-tailed hawk and screech owl.

Krebs said the birds injuries were due to trash like apple cores and banana peels being thrown out of car windows. She said people believe these items are safe to discard in this way because they

are biodegradable.

She explained, however, that a mouse will often spot the discarded food and then “these guys [the birds] are going to see the mouse and dive-bomb across the road without looking both ways and grab the mouse, and it just so happens that a car hits at the same time.”

Krebs said she now uses the injured birds as an object lesson on the importance of pollution prevention.

“They become our teachers for us,” she said. “They help us to educate people about how awesome these animals are and how to better protect them.”

Several in attendance said they were inspired by the new information they learned. Cindy Smith, chief of the DPW

Environmental Branch, said she attended the open house to learn more ways she can prevent pollution other than just recycling.

“Working for environmental, I’m big on not only recycling, but also reducing waste. We have all these recycling programs but you also want to reduce our carbon footprint with carpooling and other activities,” she said.

The pollution prevention open house was co-sponsored by the DPW Qualified Recycling Program and Pollution Prevention Program. For more information about pollution prevention, visit www.harfordcountymd.gov, www.green.maryland.gov, or <http://mdrecycles.org/>.





Photo by Rachel Ponder

Racing against waste during Pollution Prevention Week

Team APG runners and walkers take off during the Race Against Waste 5K run/walk starting at Top of the Bay, Sept. 24, in honor of Pollution Prevention Week. The event was hosted by the APG Qualified Recycling Program and the Pollution Prevention Program, part of the Directorate of Public Works.

APG police officers receive traffic safety distinction

By **STACY SMITH**
APG News

The Maryland Highway Safety Office and Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission recognized four APG Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) police officers as level I Traffic Safety Specialists (TSS) during an awards ceremony and luncheon at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, Sept. 23.

Conservation Law Enforcement officer Lt. Anthony Williams and traffic investigators Kenneth Jacobs, Andreas D. Sexton, and Richard Workman were awarded the TSS distinction, along with more than 40 other police officers, deputies and troopers from across the state. Each officer received a certificate of achievement and award plaque.

The Maryland TSS program is a statewide initiative recognizing police officers who have attained distinctive levels of experience, education, training and proficiency in highway safety and traffic enforcement methods and procedures.

William J. McMahon, TSS program administrator, stressed the importance of safety on the road and thanked the officers for working hard to combat traffic fatalities.

“Where most people lose their lives in most of our jurisdictions is on the roads,” McMahon said. “Thank you for what you’re doing to keep Marylanders and other police officers alive [while] doing one of the most dangerous things they do: operating their motor vehicles.”

Col. David Ennis, Naval District Washington chief of police and the only TTS level III in attendance, conceded that while traffic work is not considered as ‘glamorous’ as other police work, it is nonetheless essential to public safety.

“Traffic crashes kill more people nationwide than homicides,” Ennis said. “You officers who have decided that traffic safety is going to be your specialized craft understand that the skills that you’ve developed taking these classes can pay dividends.”

TSS designations are awarded at



From left, DES police officers Andreas D. Sexton, Lt. Anthony Williams, Richard Workman, and Kenneth Jacobs pose with the Level I Traffic Safety Specialist awards they received during a ceremony at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, Sept. 23.

three levels: TSS-I, TSS-II, and TSS-III. Each of the levels requires mandated experience and training as well as varying amounts of elective points which can be earned through documentation of successfully completed traffic safety-related courses, post-secondary education, military service, and documentation of certain traffic safety awards.

Williams said that along with adding to his training achievements in law enforcement, the knowledge he gained will benefit him on the job.

“This level of knowledge has already been and will continue to be beneficial to me in any capacity of my job,” he said, adding that he’s completed training requirements in impaired driving enforcement, teaching Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, child safety and

vehicle restraints, and overall traffic safety initiatives.

“Through my years working at APG I have been very proactive in many aspects of traffic safety, and I truly believe that a proactive approach to training and enforcement helped get me to where I am today,” he said.

DES Capt. Gerald Dove, patrol branch, and Lt. Charles Rykiel also attended the ceremony. Rykiel, who received TSS level I in 2012 and TSS level II in 2013, said he plans to assist other APG officers enrolled in the program throughout the year.

“The training is more specialized,” Rykiel said, citing accident reconstruction, pedestrian enforcement and commercial vehicle motor enforcement as some of the subjects included in the program.

According to the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services website, the TSS Program is a collaborative initiative of the Maryland Highway Safety Office, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland Sheriffs’ Association, and the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. The program is funded through a grant by the Maryland Highway Safety Office as part of the state’s strategic highway safety plan.

All police officers, deputy sheriffs and state troopers from Maryland law enforcement agencies and certain federal law enforcement officers are eligible to enroll.

For more information about the Maryland Traffic Safety Specialist program, visit <http://www.mdle.net/TSS.htm>.

Leave Donations

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Lending Closet fills gaps for Soldiers, families

Story and photo by **STACY SMITH**
APG News

Have you just moved into on-post housing but found yourself short on pots and pans? Could you use a coffee maker until yours arrives from Germany?

The APG Army Community Service (ACS) offers a lending service for in and out-processing military members, families and civilian employees that will meet those needs. The Lending Closet, located in Bldg. 2503, maintains an array of items available to loan to those who are temporarily short on household items.

“I think it’s one of our best kept secrets that people just don’t know about,” said ACS director Jennifer Eichner.

The ‘closet’ is a room stocked with essential items that Soldiers, civilians and their families can borrow while they wait for their personal items to arrive, or after they’ve shipped their household goods to their next duty station.

“Don’t go out and spend money on something if you have it coming,” Eichner said. “Why not borrow it if you can?”

Available items include kitchen housewares such as dishes, cookware, utensils, and coffee pots, as well as ironing boards, sleeping mats, folding chairs, and baby items. Almost all were purchased new by ACS.

An average lending period is 30 days, with the possibility of an extension. Eichner said ACS is flexible in accommodating most situations.

“Our only requirement is that you return [the items] in good condition,” she said.

She added that ACS keeps track of the closet’s inventory and orders more or fewer items based on need.

“One of the things we have that typ-



Dee Ford, Army Community Service mobilization and deployment manager, helps Spc. Johnny Jones of the 22nd Chemical Battalion, select a few items from the ACS Lending Closet, which loans in- and out-processing service members, families and civilian employees an array of household items.

ically goes out pretty quickly is rice cookers, so we’ve just ordered some more to make sure we keep up with demand,” she said.

Soldiers are briefed about the lending closet when they arrive at and depart from APG. Eichner said she

encourages eligible community members to check out what the closet has to offer.

“Don’t stress. Come into ACS and borrow a few things. It’s no problem; that’s what we’re here for,” she said. “We’re happy to do it.”

The Lending Closet is located in Bldg. 2503 and is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For more information about the lending closet, contact Eichner at 410-278-2500, or jennifer.e.eichner.civ@mail.mil.

Vanpoolers needed on APG North



There are several existing vanpools looking for riders as well as individuals looking to start vanpools for the following listed to the right.

Commuters only need to be willing to travel to the designated areas to ride the vanpool. For more information, contact the APG Commuter Center POC, Syreeta Gross, at 410-278-5491 or syreeta.a.gross.ctr@mail.mil.

APG North (Aberdeen) to:

- ◇ Newark, Delaware
- ◇ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ◇ White Marsh, Maryland
- ◇ Columbia, Maryland
- ◇ Aberdeen train station shuttle

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

events&town halls

SUNDAY - SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 - 10

APG FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The APG Fire Department is proud to announce its observance of Fire Prevention Week 2015. This year's theme, established by the National Fire Protection Association, is "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep – Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm."

- Major events at APG will include:
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 – C4ISR Campus Fire Prevention Displays and Demos
 - Friday, Oct. 9 – Fire Station Open House: CPR/AED trainings; fire extinguisher and hazmat demonstrations; static displays; and safety information.

During the week, APG firefighters and fire inspectors will also greet Team APG personnel with Sparky the fire dog during morning rush hour at the gate, hand out fire prevention materials in the housing areas, read to children at the child development centers and host static display events at the Exchange, Commissary and Recreation Center on APG North.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, **visit www.nfpa.org**.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

GARRISON ORG DAY

All APG Garrison employees and contractors are invited to the 2015 U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Organization Day, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Ruggles Golf Course.

Events include a golf tournament, bowling, bingo, spades and domino tournaments, and lunch.

Food tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased in advance at Ruggles, the recreation center, or from the APG Garrison HHC 1st Sergeant.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact HHC Commander Cpt. Nicholas Milano at 410-278-3000 or email nicholas.c.milano.mil@mail.mil.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14

FALL TECHNOLOGY EXPO

The annual Fall Technology Expo will take place at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is open to all APG personnel.

Hosted by the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's CIO, the event will highlight the latest in: global satellite communications; mobile workspaces; IT management; imaging; fiber optics; power management; wireless communications; data analysis and analytics; network security; data storage; printers; test equipment and more.

Events include technology briefings and hands-on demos of today's latest technologies from more than 75 vendors, and refreshments will be served.

To pre-register, **visit www.fdaexpo.com/register.php?id=173**.

WEDNESDAY- FRIDAY OCTOBER 14-16

FORGING STAKEHOLDER RELATIONSHIPS

The Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will host a three day ACQ 452 – Forging Stakeholder Relationships course 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the DAU facility located at 6175 Guardian Gateway, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

This action-based learning course introduces professionals to the methods and skills necessary to identify, assess, and promote the building of stakeholder relationships required for success in the acquisition environment.

Experiential activities will include a pre-course stakeholder assessment as well as simulation, communication, and critical-thinking activities that will facilitate the development of tailored stakeholder action plans. At the end of the course, professionals will be able to build ownership of acquisition outcomes across the enterprise.

Level III certification in at least one acquisition career field is a required prerequisite for the course. Completion of ACQ 450 - Leading in the Acquisition Environment and at least three years of Level III experience are recommended prerequisites. Upon completion, ACQ 452 students will earn 25 Continuous Learning Points.

Applicants must submit an application through their registration site prior to Friday, Oct. 9. The URL for each site is listed at <http://www.dau.mil/training/Pages/apply.aspx>.

For more information, contact Ben Metcalfe 410-272-9471 or email benjamin.metcalfe@dau.mil.

meetings&conferences

TUESDAY – THURSDAY OCTOBER 6-8

INAUGURAL CYBER ELECTROMAGNETIC ACTIVITY

The International Association of Old Crows, the APG Susquehanna Chapter of AOC, and the Army Team C4ISR, will co-host the Inaugural Cyber Electromagnetic Activity (CEMA) 2015 Conference at APG. The theme for the inaugural CEMA 2015 event is "Synchronizing

Cyber Electromagnetic Activities to Win in a Complex World."

Activities include breakout sessions and hands-on product demonstrations that will offer a combination of current and emerging requirements, engineering theory and practical operations of the latest electronic warfare and offensive cyber capabilities. Keynote speakers will include: Maj. Gen. Stephen Fogarty, commanding general of the Cyber Center of Excellence; Maj. Gen. Bruce Crawford, commanding general of CECOM and APG senior commander; and Mike McConnell, former director of the National Security Agency and National Intelligence.

For a schedule of events and to register, visit www.crows.org.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 20

CREDIT SCORE INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Credit Score Informational Session at Bldg. 6002, third floor, room 114, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Credit cards are a great tool—as long as they're used wisely. In today's tough economy, that's more important than ever. Evidence is mounting that credit card holders aren't using plastic to their advantage, and there are plenty of people living on the financial edge.

The session is open to all installation employees, however registration is required for all attendees. Registration is due by Oct. 13 and must include a C4ISR visitors form. All visitors must meet in the lobby of Bldg. 6002 at 11:15 a.m. to be escorted to the training room.

At the seminar, you'll find out how to use credit cards to your advantage. You'll learn the benefits—and costs—of credit cards, how to build a good credit history, the warning signs of having too much debt, how to avoid credit card fraud, and how to get and read your credit report and understand your credit score.

For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

An American Sign Language (ASL) class will be held each Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through Dec. 15 in Bldg. E4301 Otto Road (past Hoyle Gym) conference room at APG South (Edgewood).

This free class offers basic to advanced instruction. The required text book, "ABC, A Basic Course in American Sign Language," can be found on www.amazon.com. Students can bring their own lunch.

To register, for directions or for more information, contact Randy Weber at 410-436-8546 or randy.k.weber.civ@mail.mil.

health&resiliency

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS INFO SESSION

The C4ISR Wellness Committee will host a Breast Cancer Awareness Informational Session at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Atsuko Okabe, Medstar Franklin Square Breast Center at Bel Air, will provide the latest updates in breast health to include screening, treatment, and breast cancer prevention.

The session is open to all APG employees. For more information, contact Tiffany Grimes at 443-861-7901 or tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil.

THROUGH OCTOBER

LIMITED OPTOMETRY SERVICES

During September and into October, Optometry services at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be restricted due to limited staff.

Full services will remain available to active duty Soldiers, however full eye exams will likely not be available to family members and retirees.

Active duty appointments will be opened up to family members and retirees only if they are not filled within a reasonable time period.

Patients are reminded during this time of limited availability that full eye exams are a covered benefit under TRICARE, and can be obtained at any network provider without the need for referral once every calendar year. Referral Services or Tricare can provide information as to which providers in the community are network providers and can provide this service.

Full services are anticipated to resume in mid-October.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

DISASTER PLANNING TRAINING

In 2014, the Red Cross Chesapeake Region responded to more than 500 fire/storm incidents and assisted nearly 2,800 individuals. Disasters can affect you and your family at any time of day or night. The APG Community Health Promotion Council will host a Disaster Planning Training at the Myer Auditorium, Bldg. 6000, on the C4ISR campus from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event is open to all installation personnel and will feature guest speaker Fran Goucher, Red Cross Chesapeake Region volunteer leader.

For more information, contact Gale Sauer at gale.m.sauer.ctr@mail.mil or 443-861-9260, or contact Tiffany Grimes at tiffany.l.grimes.civ@mail.mil or 443-861-7901.

ONGOING

KUSAHC CLOSED 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic believes the key to being the premier health and readiness platform is a professionally-developed workforce, and reinvesting in employees is an investment to their service to APG.

As such, KUSAHC will close the first Wednesday of every month for training purposes until further notice, starting Wednesday, Oct. 7.

For more information, visit <http://kusahc.narmc.amedd.army.mil/SitePages/Home.aspx> or www.facebook.com/KUSAHC.

ONGOING

WEAR BLUE: RUN TO REMEMBER HARFORD COUNTY/APG

A Harford County/APG-based Wear Blue: Run to Remember community has been established, with ongoing meets the second Saturday of every month 8:30 a.m. at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Heritage Trail in Fallston.

Wear Blue: Run to Remember communities run, jog and walk in honor of the nation's fallen, fighting and families.

Those interested in participating in the run should meet at the Annie's Playground – Pavilion at 864 Smith Lane, Fallston, Maryland. Pets are allowed, but park rules do not allow retractable leashes.

All ability levels are welcome. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear blue.

- Upcoming dates include:**
- Oct. 10
 - Nov. 14
 - Dec. 12
- For more information, contact Robin Bruns at 910-987-6764 or brunsrd@yahoo.com.

THROUGH 2015

2015 CPR, AED CLASS SCHEDULE

The APG Directorate of Emergency Services has announced the CPR/AED class schedule for 2015. Classes are open to the entire APG community.

Oct. 21 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Nov. 18 – APG North Chapel, Bldg. 2485 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Dec 16 – APG South Conference Center, Bldg. E4810 – 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Mike Slayman at 410-306-0566.

family&children

WEEKENDS OCTOBER 16-31

VALLEY OF THE HAUNTED

The Boys & Girls Club of Harford County will host a bone-chilling Valley of the Haunted Halloween attraction in the woods of northern Harford County each weekend, starting Oct. 16, through Halloween.

With the assistance of the Harford County Office of Economic Development, Valley of the Haunted will crawl with flesh-hungry zombies, maniacal clowns, and more, all led by the twisted mind of one little boy who lived on the property over 200 years ago.

Valley of the Haunted is open to adults and children 10-years-old and above. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Little Haunts activities are also planned for younger children, including trick or treating, pumpkin painting, costume contests and more.

Valley of the Haunted is a one-mile haunted walking trail at Camp Hidden Valley in White Hall, Maryland. It is open, Oct. 16-18, 23-25, 30 and 31, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Little Haunt Sundays are planned for Oct. 18 and 25, 2 to 6 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.valleyofthehaunted.com/> or contact Teri O'Neal at 410-836-7180 or teri@abrightide-aonline.com.

miscellaneous

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR INCIDENTAL TAKE OF BALD EAGLES

An environmental assessment for the incidental take of bald eagles has been posted to the Team APG website, and is open to public comment until Friday, Oct. 9.

The proposed action is for Aberdeen Proving Ground to apply for a programmatic permit for incidental take of bald eagles. The programmatic permit would incorporate a flexible and adaptive eagle management strategy in order to minimize impacts to the eagles, and more fully balance an expanding eagle population with an evolving military mission. The programmatic permit would require the implementation of advanced

conservation measures to reduce eagle disturbances and mortalities to a level where remaining take is unavoidable. The programmatic permit would supersede the incidental take allowance, terms, and conditions of APG's 2006 Biological Opinion. The programmatic permit will be valid for five years, with an option to renew every five years.

To view the assessment, visit www.teamapg.com. Navigate to "Installation Policies" then scroll down to "Public Notices." Click "Environmental Assessment for Programmatic Permit for Incidental Take of Bald Eagles at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland."

Comments will be accepted until Friday, Oct. 9 and can be addressed to: USAGAPG, ATTN: Arnold O'Sullivan 4304 Susquehanna Avenue 3rd Floor Suite B Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5001

ONGOING

NEW HOURS FOR WEEKDAY MASS

The hours for weekday mass have changed to the following:

At the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel, Mass is celebrated 11:45 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday in the main sanctuary and Thursday in the Blessed Sacrament.

Each First Friday, the Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, meditation and confessions are conducted in the Blessed Sacrament 11 a.m., prior to Mass.

At the APG South (Edgewood) chapel, Wednesday Mass is celebrated at noon. Confession is also available.

For more information, contact the Religious Support Administrative Office at 410-278-4333.

THROUGH NOV. 1

ARMY ACCEPTING LAW SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is accepting applications for the Funded Legal Education Program (FLEP). Under FLEP, the Army anticipates sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school starting in the Fall 2016 semester and remain on active duty while in school.

FLEP is open to commissioned officers in the ranks of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants should review Army MILPER Message 15-013 and Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable.

Eligible officers should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test and send requests through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at the Army Human Resources Command.

Send the original application to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Attn: Yvonne Caron-Room 2B517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310, to be received by Nov. 1, 2015.

Applications should be submitted well in advance of the deadline.

For more information, contact the APG Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Bldg. 6001, 3rd floor or call 443-861-5133.

THROUGH 2015

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

Training schedules have been set for the 2015 Local Hazards Course and Intermediate Driver's Course. Training will be held in Bldg. 4305 Susquehanna Avenue, room 243A. Attendees must register online at AIRS through the www.TeamAPG.com web site at <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/airs/>.

Local Hazards Course:

This is a 30-minute course is for personnel who are new to APG. It is a mandatory course for all APG service members, family members, DOD civilians, and contractors who are licensed motorcycle drivers. Those on temporary duty (TDY) at APG for more than 30 day also are required to take the course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

Course time: 7:30 to 8 a.m. and 8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

Course dates: Oct. 8; Nov. 12; and Dec. 10.

Intermediate Driver's Course:

This two-and-one-half hour course builds on themes introduced during the Introductory Course 1 taken during basic and advanced individual training. This course is mandatory for service members age 26 and younger and may be used to satisfy the remedial defensive driving course. Additional classes will be added as needed.

Course time: 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Course dates: Oct. 8; Nov. 12 and Dec. 10

For more information, contact H. Mike Allen at the Installation Safety Office at 410-306-1081 or horace.m.allen.civ@mail.mil.

MORE ONLINE

More events can be seen at www.TeamAPG.com



Photo by Stacy Smith

ASAP, DES complete medication take-back campaign

Directorate of Emergency Services police detective Mark Keller helps Cindy Scott, Army Substance Abuse Program prevention coordinator, collect a bag of expired, unused, and unwanted medications during the 2015 Take-Back Campaign for prescription and over-the-counter drugs at the Myer Auditorium on APG North (Aberdeen), Sept. 22.

The five-day initiative was held in conjunction with National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, a Department of Justice/Drug Enforcement Administration program that seeks to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

BY THE NUMB#RS

Hispanic Heritage Month

National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the contributions Hispanic Americans have made to American society and culture, and honors our Central American neighbors who celebrate their independence between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15.

55 million

Hispanic population in the U.S., as of July 1, 2014, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority.

2.3 million

Number of Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S. in 2007, up 43.6 percent from 2002.

1.2 million

Number of Hispanics or Latinos 18 or older who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

90+

Percentage of the Spanish-speaking world who considers themselves Roman Catholic.

45

Percent by which college enrollment among Hispanic Americans has grown since 2008.

8

Number of states with a population of 1 million or more Hispanic residents in 2015 (Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Texas).

5

Latin American countries that celebrate their independence Sept. 15 (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua). Mexican and Chile celebrate their independence Sept. 16 and Sept. 18.

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI** APG News

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Say Something

Liaison teaches suicide warning signs

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**
APG News

In every major organization on Aberdeen Proving Ground, a suicide prevention liaison is tasked to raise awareness about this most preventable cause of death. Tammy Woodard is one who takes this additional duty seriously.

Like all liaisons, the Army Contracting Command civilian has attended basic and advanced suicide prevention training. She conducts train-the-trainer sessions and facilitates working groups and quarterly prevention sessions within the organization. She said she enjoys the additional responsibility.

“It means I can be the point of contact for resources, and it breaks up the monotony,” she said.

Woodard coordinates with Lamont Coger, the installation suicide prevention manager with the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), where personnel are briefed about resources during in-processing. When available, she also supports Coger during group presentations.

“I find it rewarding because I like engaging people,” she said.

Woodard said she is most challenged to communicate the suicide prevention message in ways people can identify with and remember. Sometimes she uses



Woodard

a crumbled \$20 bill to make her point. “I show them that no matter what I do – rip it or crumble it up – it doesn’t lose its value,” she said. “The point is you are not measured by what happens to you. You may look or feel different but you maintain your worth.”

Using another strategy, Woodard holds up a glow stick and then breaks it. She then tells listeners that “when you hit rock bottom you feel broken, like this glow stick.” She then points out that when broken, the glow stick shines as assurance that there is always hope and that problems are solvable.

“My main role is to make people aware of the warning signs, from the prevention aspect,” Woodard said. “The sad truth is that suicide is preventable, but not all suicides can be prevented. I try to make people more comfortable with the subject; to raise awareness so they can recognize changes in behavior and other signs. There are little changes that

can mask internal turmoils.”

“Unfortunately,” she added, “getting help is not an option for many who shy from the mental health stigma. But getting help could be as simple as going to a yoga class every Saturday. And I can’t overemphasize the value of a simple smile.”

Woodard has been with ACC since 2008. A native Baltimorean, she holds a master’s degree in Business Economics from Notre Dame of Maryland University.

She emphasizes that she is not a counselor and refers personnel in need of more than just information to ASAP, adding that the Employee Assistance Program, led by Robin Stokes, also is a valuable resource.

“Don’t be afraid to ask for help,” she said. “Don’t be afraid to bring your concerns to ASAP. It’s why they’re there, and they truly want to help.”

She noted that resources extend out-

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Tammy Woodard
ACC Suicide Prevention Liaison

side the gates to county, state and national providers that can be accessed over the phone or online and even mobile units that will respond anywhere in Harford County.

“I can understand how people can feel hopeless,” she said, “we’ve all been there. But somehow we go on. These resources are all in place to help the hopeless go on as well.”

Suicide Prevention resources

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-TALK (8255); <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Military Crisis Line – Visit <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>; call 1-800-273-TALK (8255); or text 838255 for a confidential chat with a crisis counselor.

Harford County

Harford County Mobile Crisis Team - Available 8 a.m. until midnight, Monday thru Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; 410-638-5248; email mobilecrisisteam@sheppardpratt.org

Cecil County

Upper Shore Crisis Resource Helpline & Mobile Crisis Team – Available 24/7 at 1-888-407-8018

Baltimore County

Baltimore County Crisis Response Hotline – Available 24/7 at 410-931-2214

Baltimore County Mobile Crisis Team – Available 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., daily

Baltimore City

Baltimore Crisis Response, Inc. Hotline – Available 24/7 at 410-433-5175
Baltimore City Mobile Crisis Team – Available 7 a.m. to midnight, daily

Army Public Health Center studies solid waste

Story and photo by
TAZANYIA L. MOUTON
USAG Natick

A team of three from the Army Public Health Center, or APHC, recently conducted a solid waste characterization study to assess the amount of trash being produced at the Natick Soldier Systems Center (NSSC) in Massachusetts.

“[The study] will help the installation save money in the long run when we determine how much of the solid waste that goes out in our trash cans is recyclable, how much is organic material, [and] how much of it is truly solid waste,” said Rich Valcourt, an environmental engineer with U.S. Army Garrison Natick.

This study gives Valcourt valuable information to better assess the installation’s needs. Valcourt said the study is “going to dictate how we see down the road [and] whether we need to strengthen our recycling policies.”

Performing the study will also give Valcourt a better idea of what NSSC’s footprint will look like going forward.

The APHC mission included receiving trash from each building, sorting through each bag, and weighing the trash by each of 30 categories. The main categories were paper, plastic, metal, glass,

organics, construction and demolition waste, and special waste.

Kim Fleischmann, an environmental scientist with APHC, said in a majority of instances, these studies are done to help an installation set up or improve a recycling program.

“The recycling here is pretty good,” Fleischmann said. “We’re not getting a lot of white office paper, [and] people are doing a very good job with cardboard and aluminum cans.”

“We usually try to give real data to figure out how you should focus, where you can improve or set up your programs.”

Fleischmann said that programs are already in place at Natick; they just need to be improved.

“The Army’s goal is to try to [get] to net zero waste, which means you are recycling or reusing everything and there’s no actual waste,” Fleischmann said.

Valcourt said that each time you throw something away, you should think about recycling it, instead.

“It doesn’t matter what you wear on your shoulders or what your pay grade is,” Valcourt said. “We all work here, and we need to do the right thing.”



Personnel from the Army Public Health Center weigh individual pieces of trash during a solid waste characterization study recently completed at the Natick Soldier Systems Center.



20th CBRNE hosts German military delegation

A German military delegation observes a capabilities demonstration and learns about the unique mission of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (Technical Escort) during a visit to the 20th CBRNE Command, Sept. 23.

Brig. Gen. William E. King IV, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command, hosted the delegation at the command’s headquarters on APG South.

Photo by Sean Kief

Send newspaper submissions to the APG News

Community members are asked to send all submissions for the APG News to usarmy.apg.imcom.mbx.apg-pao@mail.mil, and CC amanda.r.rominiecki.civ@mail.mil. Type APG NEWS SUBMISSION in the Subject Line. You should receive a response within three business days letting you know that the submission has been received. If you do not receive a response , please call 410-278-7274 to inquire.



ALL THINGS MARYLAND

Darlington Apple Festival

Local autumn celebration has small-town charm

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**
APG News

Twenty-nine years ago, the small town of Darlington held its first apple festival, and in the years since it has grown to an annual celebration of autumn in northern Harford County, drawing more than 50,000 attendees each year.

Rain or shine, the community will come together Saturday, Oct. 3 to chow down on all variations of baked, spiced, caramel-covered and raw apples and vie for top honors as the festival's best pie baker.

The festival grounds will be lined with crafts and handmade goods by area artisans, apples, pumpkins and mums grown by area farmers, and live entertainment throughout the day.

Craft vendors are limited to handmade wares, adding more charm to the already quaint fall festival, and all food vendors must profit share with a local organization as a way to give back to the community.

According to Elaine Calderon, one of the festival organizers, many organizations in Darlington rely on the funds raised during festival. Through the festival, local churches, PTAs, Boy and Girl Scout troops and other community groups are able to thrive year-round, she said.

Food vendors offer standard festival fares like pizza, chicken, hot dogs and snacks, while local churches take to cooking and baking items like pit beef, barbecue, seafood, apple fritters, apple cake, candy apples, the festival's famous "apple delight," and more.

The festival is family friendly, with pony rides, scarecrow making, hayrides, hair and face painting, and children's crafts like sand art and plaster painting.

Those wishing to show off their famous family apple pie recipe can bring their homemade pie, in a disposable pie plate, with the recipe attached, to the Darlington United Methodist church between 9 and 10 a.m. the day of the festival. Pies will be judged in two categories: plain and crumb. Individuals may enter one or both categories.

The Darlington Apple Festival will be held in Darlington, Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For those traveling from the APG area, take exit 89 on I-95 toward Churchville; after 3 miles turn right onto Route 161; drive five miles north, right into the center of Darlington. Use the address "1024 5th Avenue Darlington, MD 21034" for entry into a GPS or navigation system.

The festival is free to the gener-



(Clockwise from top) Greg Pierson, grandson of Art Johnson, owner of SweetAire Farm in Darlington, helps refill baskets with a variety of apple during the Darlington Apple Festival in 2014.

Kylie Christensen of Middle River, left, and her sisters Macie Gogel, center, and Malorie Gogel pick up their scarecrow after completing it during the Darlington Apple Festival in 2014.

Emri Hostetter of Owings, smiles as she eyes up the perfect apple during the Darlington Apple Festival in 2014. Emri made the trip with her grandfather Harry Messer, who said the family looks forward to making the trip the festival every year.

Photos by Brian Krista



al public, but activities and food do have varying costs. Parking is \$5 in all marked "Apple Fest" parking lots. Pets

are not allowed, with the exception of service dogs.

For more information, visit www.darlingtonapplefestival.com

or search for "Darlington Apple Festival" on Facebook.

Former student begins career at Army Public Health Center

Army Public Health Center

A brand new epidemiologist, Dr. Caitlin Rivers, has joined the Army Public Health Center through the Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation, or SMART Scholarship Program.

Just shy of a month into the appointment, Rivers said she is excited to work with Army data, which she believes will become a worldwide paradigm for future public health research and improvement.

Through a full-tuition grant, the highly competitive SMART scholarship offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to complete their science, technology, engineering or mathematics degree in accordance with the scholarship's mission to encourage civilian pursuance of engineering and science within the Department of Defense. Aside from the funding, the SMART scholarship provides the students with summer internships, mentoring and a guaranteed position in one of the DOD's workplaces after their educational tenure.

As a scholarship recipient, Rivers said she found the different viewpoints and career paths in government work as rewarding tools, especially valuing the job security, a rarity among doctoral graduates. After being assigned to the Army Public Health Center through a process comparable to medical residency matchups, Rivers began her position in the epidemiology and disease surveillance directorate in late July through the SMART Scholarship program.

"The data available in the Army is some of the best in all of epidemiology," Rivers said. "It's high quality, linked, longitudinal and well-integrated with public health services."

While continually interested in health, Rivers discovered public health in the federal government could combine all of



Army Public Health Center photo

Dr. Caitlin Rivers, left, an epidemiologist and SMART (Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation) scholar who earned a permanent position at the APHC, discusses the process of peer review of technical journals with Victoria Tully, a summer intern at APHC.

her academic passions.

"Growing up I wanted to be a doctor, then a Foreign Service agent, then an anthropologist," she said. "As an epidemiologist with the DOD, I get to do all of those things."

As an anthropology major at the University of New Hampshire, Rivers first encountered public health during her freshman year while reading Tracy Kidder's bestseller "Mountains Beyond Mountains," a nonfiction novel that chronicled anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer's quest to cure infectious diseases and introduce modern prevention techniques to those in underdevel-

oped countries. Inspired by the work, Rivers concentrated her undergraduate studies on medical anthropology before earning a Master of Public Health degree specializing in infectious disease at Virginia Technical Institute. Through this experience, Rivers found her niche in public health and decided to continue at Virginia Tech for a doctoral degree in genetics, bioinformatics and computational biology, becoming a SMART scholarship recipient during her second year of doctoral studies.

In her position at the APHC, Rivers monitors and tracks trends in infectious diseases to learn why they occur. She

said she loves learning about the directorate and having more opportunities to work on projects.

"More epidemiology happens within federal government than civilians realize. It's interesting to be a part of it," Rivers said.

During her career at APHC, the scholar hopes to apply her computational skills to projects while also networking and learning more about the epidemiological opportunities in federal work through her colleagues and mentor, Capt. Susan Gosine.

Like Rivers, Gosine, who is earning a doctoral degree in global communicable disease at the University of South Florida, focuses on data collection and modeling in her position as data cell lead in the same program. As the SMART scholar's mentor, Gosine said that Rivers is well-equipped for the field and that she hopes to guide her in utilizing military and federal tools to accomplish her career objectives.

"It's important for us to mentor young professionals because we need that fresh material and ambition that's being taught in schools to be injected into the Army," Gosine said.

Though new to Army public health, Rivers accrued a plethora of noteworthy publications and achievements during her years in academia. In addition to her role as a SMART scholar, Rivers serves as a fellow for the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative and as a presenter at various conferences and panels, namely the American Public Health Association and the International Conference on Digital Detection.

When she is not developing her new epidemiology software package, Rivers enjoys spending time with her husband, a mechanical engineering doctoral student, and their toddler.

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION



Upcoming Activities



APG OKTOBERFEST OCT. 23-24

Team APG will host the third annual Oktoberfest open to the entire community Friday & Saturday Oct. 23-24.

The event is family-friendly and will include German food, music, live entertainment, kids activities and more!

- Activities include:
- Festhalle with live entertainment
 - Volksmarch
 - Car and bike show
 - Fireworks
 - Childrens activities & amusements
 - Main Street Marketplace
 - German food and beverages
- For more information, visit www.apgmwr.com/2015-oktoberfest.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

CIZE LIVE TUESDAYS, OCT. 13 - NOV. 24

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Class will be held at the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center, Bldg. 2522, from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday, Oct. 13 through Nov. 24. Open to children ages 7 and up, the cost is \$49 for the seven-week session, or at an \$8 drop-in rate for CYSS members.

To register, call 410-278-7571/7479.

MINI INDOOR SOCCER REGISTRATION OPENS OCT. 15

Registration for the upcoming Mini Indoor Soccer league will open Oct. 15 at Bldg. 2503. Registration will run through Nov. 2, and space is limited to 40 children.

Games will be held at the APG South (Edgewood) youth center, Bldg. E1902. Games begin Nov. 3 and will be held each Tuesday through Dec. 8 at 5:45 or 6:30 p.m.

Mini Indoor Soccer is open to girls and boys, ages 4-6. Children must be 4-years-old by Nov. 1. The cost is \$20 per child. A sports physical is required to play and tennis shoes or indoor soccer shoes must be worn, along with shin guards.

For more information, contact Bill Kegley at william.m.kegley3.naf@mail.mil or call 410-306-2297.

LET'S COOK

OCT. 24
NOV. 14
DEC. 12

International cooking class will teach children different skills to prepare foods from different places around the world. The children will learn about sanitation and kitchen safety. They will also be taught different recipes that require little help from their parents. Children will learn to cook up to 3 dishes including a main dish and a dessert.

Each class, open to children ages 7 and up, will be held at the Corvias Bayside Community Center, 2658 Chesapeake Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is a \$17 supply fee, per class.

For more information, contact Shirelle Womack at shirelle.j.womack.naf@mail.mil or call 410-278-4589.

LEISURE & TRAVEL

DISNEY ON ICE - 100 YEARS OF MAGIC TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH OCT. 23

Grab your Mickey ears and get ready for the ultimate Disney experience at Disney On Ice celebrates 100 Years of Magic Presented by Stonyfield YoKids Organic Yogurt!

Be charmed by a cast of over 50, with Mouse-ter of Ceremonies Mickey Mouse, sweetheart Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and Disney Princesses including Cinderella, Rapunzel, Ariel, Snow White and Tiana. Relive the magic of Disney's Frozen with Anna, Elsa and the hilarious Olaf as they discover that true love is the greatest magic of all.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available for the following shows:

- Oct. 30 @ 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31 @ 10:30 a.m.; 2:30 p.m.; and 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 @ 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

SPORTS & RECREATION

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION FALL GOLF OUTING OCT. 31

Ruggles Golf Course will host a Customer Appreciation 4-person scramble fall golf outing Oct. 31. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. There will be on-course games and prizes. Cost is \$50 for a regular patron, \$40 for an annual patron. Cost includes course food and four beverage stations.

For more information, or to register, call the Ruggles Pro Shop at 410-278-4794.

VETERANS DAY SCRAMBLE NOV. 11

Ruggles Golf Course will host a Veterans Day 4-person scramble golf tournament. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. There will be special contests for all veterans and

prizes for the low veteran's teams. Cost is \$60 for a regular patron, \$45 for an annual patron. Lunch and awards will follow the tournament.

For more information, or to register, call the Ruggles Pro Shop at 410-278-4794.

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Help is available around the clock, every single day of the year for victims of domestic violence.

NEWCOMERS

ORIENTATION OCTOBER 21

All newly assigned Soldiers and civilian employees are required to attend the APG Newcomer's Orientation, with the next orientation scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center, Bldg. 3326. Sponsors are encouraged to bring their family members. More than 35 APG community activities and organization representatives will welcome new community members with handouts, literature, and answer questions regarding their programs and services.

For more information and to provide numbers for attendance, contact Jennifer Eichner at 410-278-2500.

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

NOV. 9

ACS will host an "Applying for Federal Employment" workshop, exploring the 10 steps to federal employment. Seating is limited to 30 individuals. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Registration is required. Visit www.mwejobs.maryland.gov; create a user account; go to events calendar on left-hand side; move forward to appropriate date; click on "APG How to Apply for Federal Jobs"; Click register.

BUDGETING FOR BABY

OCT. 8

Have some fun learning about common expenses related to babies and children and how you can plan for these expenses, during a "Budgeting for Baby" workshop at Bldg. 2503, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshop will include useful money saving tips are given to help parents save money, from pre-natal to college expenses. Registration is required; to reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-7572.

CREDIT & DEBT MANAGEMENT

OCT. 29

ACS will host a class on the advantages and disadvantages of using credit, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Bldg. 2503. Topics include: how to choose and apply

for credit cards and installment loans and how to responsibly manage these accounts will be discussed.

This class will address how to establish a credit record, protect your credit history and correct credit report mistakes. Options available to manage and reduce debt also will be discussed. The class is in partnership with the ACS Financial Readiness Program and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union.

Registration is required; to reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-9669/7572.

CHECKBOOK MANAGEMENT

NOV. 5

ACS will host a course illustrating the choices in banks and banking services, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 2503. The course will provide guidance in choosing the right account and identifying the skills necessary to maintain a balanced account. Participants should gain a complete understanding of their responsibility in managing their money and the accounts, debit cards, checks and ATM machines that come with it.

Registration is required; to reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-7572/9669.

IDENTITY THEFT

DEC. 3

ACS will host a course discussing what ID theft is, how thieves steal your ID, and what you can do to deter, detect and defend against identity theft, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Bldg. 2503. The class will also explain the different classifications of ID theft and how you can safeguard your information.

To reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-9669/7572.

CREDIT FINESSE

DEC. 10

ACS will host a course identifying ways to properly use and build credit, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bldg. 2503. The course will also explain good credit practices; identify measures to protect your credit; explain what is in a credit report; pinpoint credit report information used in forming your credit score; identify security measures to protect from identity theft; and identify ways to maintain a good credit report. The course is held in partnership with ACS Financial Readiness Program and Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union

To reserve a seat call ACS at 410-278-7572/9669.

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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH | OCTOBER 2015

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Respect

Domestic Violence is NEVER OK

LIVE BY THE ARMY CORE VALUES TO BUILD HEALTHY AND STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

If you or someone you know is being abused, call law enforcement immediately at 410-306-2222.

You may also contact your Installation Family Advocacy program at 410-652-6048. For additional support, contact Military OneSource at 800-342-9647 or the National Domestic Violence hotline at 800-799-7233.



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October 26

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Golf Tournament aims to ‘drive away’ domestic violence

Golfers, several wearing purple, warm up on the driving ranges before the start of the Driving Away Domestic Violence Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course, Sept. 23. Purple is the signature color of Domestic Violence Awareness. Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Manager Rose Smith and Wendy Witmer, chief of the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Behavioral Health Division signed participants in at the registration table and Mike Farlow, FAP victim advocate coordinator, welcomed golfers and thanked them for their participations. Seventeen teams participated in the tournament.

ATEC gathers for virtual town hall

By **LINDSEY MONGER**
ATEC

The commanding general of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC), Maj. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, conducted a command-wide virtual town hall meeting at ATEC headquarters at APG North (Aberdeen), Sept. 15.

In a departure from previous town halls, Karbler hosted the meeting via video-teleconference, which allowed the town hall to be broadcast in real-time to members of the ATEC family across the United States.

“This type of town hall gives me the opportunity to talk to the ATEC team about our mission and priorities, while viewers [ATEC team] are able to get that ‘face-to-face’ interaction with their higher headquarters,” Karbler said. “It’s a great way to get information to the workforce rapidly.”

Karbler and his “battle buddy,” ATEC Command Sgt. Maj. Andrew B. Connette, addressed the entire command for the first time since arriving in June.

“The first day I was at each place [test center], I would say ‘I had no idea’... and what I’m referring to is what something [equipment] is going through [test processes] before it gets to the Soldiers’ hands,” Connette said. “It’s extraordinary.”

Connette briefly highlighted several products ATEC has assisted in testing and improving, that have made significant impacts on Soldiers.

“Soldiers have confidence using the equipment while they are in the field... and that’s because of what each and every one of you [ATEC team] do every day,” he said.

Connette thanked the team for their unwavering dedication to making worthwhile contributions toward safeguarding and protecting the lives of the nation’s defenders.

During the meeting, Karbler outlined the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Mark A. Milley’s three priorities which focus on readiness, future Army, and taking care of the troops.

“Aligning with what the chief wants, we are doing just that at ATEC,” Karbler said, as he recognized individuals throughout the command for jobs well done.

“Maj. Gen. Karbler addressed every-



Photo by Courtney White Gilbert

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thing that the workforce needed to know,” said Mark D. McAllister, an information technology branch chief at ATEC. “He discussed ATEC’s mission and vision and the new Chief of Staff of the Army’s policies.”

Karbler noted that when he took command, his priorities were to maintain a team of trusted, highly skilled test and evaluation professionals, provide first class testing and evaluation support up and down the command, and to determine ways to meet ATEC’s fiscal challenges.

Karbler encouraged the team to improve communication skills up, down and across the command in an effort to prevent disconnection and

miscommunication.

“Since I’ve been here, one of my observations is that ATEC truly has many dedicated, smart, and hard working professionals... and I appreciate that,” Karbler said.

“Employees praised Maj. Gen. Karbler for taking time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all ATEC employees,” said Kenneth Gritton, a technical director at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah.

After he delivered his 90-day assessment, Karbler took questions from the workforce and concluded the town hall by sharing his hope that everyone feels part of the ATEC family.

Gritton spoke with his team after the

town hall and noted their enthusiasm for the virtual format of the town hall and the sense of camaraderie it had generated amongst them.

Brig. Gen. Kenneth Kamper, the commander of the Operational Test Command (OTC) at Fort Hood, Texas, thanked Karbler for hosting the town hall and spoke on how well it was received across OTC.

Kamper also expressed his appreciation for how Karbler related ATEC’s testing missions to the Chief of Staff of the Army’s priorities as well as for him recognizing the great work being done for the Army and the nation by great teams and their teammates across ATEC.

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20th CBRNE to participate in NIE

By **WALTER T. HAM IV**
20th CBRNE Command

The U.S. Army’s only formation that combats chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats will participate in the Network Integration Evaluation, or NIE, at Fort Bliss, Texas, Sept. 25 - Oct. 8.

The Fort Riley, Kansas-based 84th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Battalion will serve as a CBRNE Battalion Task Force in support of the Fort Bliss, Texas-based 1st Armored Division during the Army-wide evaluation.

The 84th EOD Battalion is part of the 71st EOD Group and the 20th CBRNE Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosives), the one-of-a-kind formation that commands Chemical Corps, EOD and other specialized units on 19 posts in 16 states.

Together with joint, interagency and allied partners around the world, Soldiers and civilians from the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland-based 20th CBRNE Command counter Weapons of Mass Destruction, eliminate

CBRNE threats and defeat improvised explosive devices, or IEDs.

Brig. Gen. William E. King IV, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command, said the Army-wide evaluation was an opportunity for his Soldiers to hone and demonstrate their warrior skills in a simulated combat environment.

“In addition to training for and demonstrating excellence with their CBRNE missions, our Soldiers will hone their ability to shoot, move, communicate, and most importantly medicate during NIE,” King said. “We must master these warrior tasks so that we can operate using the CBRNE skill set that the Army has so uniquely and specially trained us to execute.”

Brig. Gen. William E. King IV, left, the commanding general of 20th CBRNE Command, visits Fort Bliss, Texas, prior to the U.S. Army Network Integration Evaluation 2015.

Photo by Capt. Bryan Sand



Havre de Grace native serves aboard USS West Virginia

By **LT. LILY HINZ**
U.S. Navy Submarine Group Ten

A 2004 Havre de Grace High School graduate and Havre de Grace native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of a crew working aboard one of the world’s most advanced ballistic missile submarines, the USS West Virginia (SSBN 736).

Petty Officer 1st Class Peter Story is a culinary specialist serving aboard the Kings Bay, Georgia-based boat, one of 14 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines.

Measuring 560 feet long, 42 feet wide and weighing more than 16,500 tons, a nuclear-powered propulsion system helps push the ship through the water at more than 20 knots.



Havre de Grace native Petty Officer 1st Class Peter Story is a culinary specialist serving aboard one of the world’s most advanced ballistic missile submarines, USS West Virginia (SSBN 736), based out of Kings Bay, Georgia.

Photo by Seaman Jamal McNeill

“As a culinary specialist, I order, cook and maintain the records for the food served aboard the submarine,” Story said. “I really like to cook for other people and sometimes I have the opportunity to get creative with my cooking.”

The Navy’s ballistic missile submarines, often referred to as “boomers,” serve as an undetectable launch platform for intercontinental ballistic missiles. They are designed specifically for stealth, extended patrols and the precise delivery of missiles if directed by the president. The Ohio-class design allows the submarines to operate for 15 or more years between major overhauls.

On average, the submarines spend 77 days at sea followed by 35 days in-port for maintenance.

“We demand the highest standards from our Sailors - both professionally and personally,” said Rear Adm. Randy Crites, commander, Submarine Group

Ten in Kings Bay. “Petty Officer Story’s chain of command, family and our great nation take immense pride in his devotion and service to his country.”

“The importance of our Sailors is immeasurable; people like Peter Story are absolutely crucial to ensuring our ships and submarines are operating at their best – always mission ready, providing our nation with the greatest Navy the world has ever known. I’m so very proud he is on our team.”

Story is part of the boat’s “Gold” crew, one of the two rotating crews, which allow the ship to be deployed on missions more often without taxing one crew too much. A typical crew on this submarine is approximately 150 officers and enlisted Sailors.

Because of the stressful environment aboard submarines, personnel are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation. Submariners are some of the most highly trained and skilled people in the Navy. The training is highly technical and each crew has to be able to operate, maintain, and repair every system or piece of equipment on board.

Regardless of their specialty, everyone also has to learn how everything on the ship works and how to respond in emergencies to become “qualified in submarines” and earn the right to wear the coveted gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

Although it is difficult for most people to imagine living on a submarine, challenging submarine living conditions actually build strong fellowship among the crew. The crews are highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy’s most relied upon assets, Story and other USS West Virginia (SSBN 736) Sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

“I joined the Navy because I wanted to do something more with my life,” Story added.

“I honestly had nothing else to do, and I knew that I would have a lot of unique opportunities in the Navy.”

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK CHECKLIST

☐ Do you have working smoke alarm on every level of your home?

☐ Do you have working smoke alarms inside every bedroom?

☐ Does a grown-up test your smoke alarms at least once a month?

☐ Do you know the sound of your smoke alarms?

☐ Are your smoke alarms less than 10 years old? (Look on the back of smoke alarms for the date. If they are more than 10 years old, you need new ones.)

☐ Does your family have a home fire escape plan?

☐ Do you know two ways out of every room?

☐ Does your plan have an outside meeting place?

☐ Does your family have a fire drill at least twice a year?

☐ Does everyone at home know how to call the fire department once they are outside?

☐ Do you get outside and stay outside if the smoke alarm sounds?

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Exchange shoppers can score big in NCAA Sweeps Contest

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The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is giving military shoppers the chance to score \$500 in the NCAA Sweeps contest. Exchange shoppers worldwide can enter at www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes for their chance at one of 10 \$500 Exchange gift cards.

“With [college] football season in full swing, every fan could use an extra \$500,” said Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Sean Applegate, Exchange senior enlisted advisor. “Whether they’re looking for a new TV to watch the games or supplies for the ultimate tailgate party, 10 lucky fans will score big at the end of this sweepstakes.”

No purchase is necessary, and authorized shoppers 18 and older can enter the sweepstakes at www.shopmyexchange.com/sweepstakes through Oct. 29. The drawing will take place on or about Nov. 5.

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THIS WEEK IN APG HISTORY



Take a look back in time as the APG News explores what made the headlines around APG during this week 10, 25 and 50 years ago. This week's APG News masthead is from 1981.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, *APG News*

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10 Years Ago: Sept. 29, 2005



(Left) Leroy Stitz, an RDECOM engineering technician, adjusts a protective mask for John Carroll High School junior Anthony Herman as his friend Kyle Slusarski looks on during "How Can I Make A Difference Day" activities at the school.



(Right) Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Womack Sr., left, of the 20th Support Command (CBRNE), presents a commemorative ring to APG Soldier of the Year Spc. Victor Robledo, of the 22nd Chemical Battalion (TE).y

25 Years Ago: Sept. 26, 1990



(Above) Boater Lester Hagelgan, left, receives a courtesy safety inspection from Herbert Joiner of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary near the Spesutie Island Boating Activity clubhouse.

(Left) Sgt. Billy White of the 523rd Military Police Company targets speeders with a hand-held Falcon radar gun.

50 Years Ago: Sept. 30, 1965



(Above) Vincent Gerdorn, right, coordinator for the physically handicapped at APG, watches Paul Devon, a handicapped model maker in the training devices section, put the finishing touches on a model of a transmission.



(Right) Dr. Charles F. Pickett, director of the U.S. Army Coating and Chemical Lab, looks on as Merrill Cohen, a physical science technician, compares a sample of a new heat-reflecting olive-drab paint to a Lacrosse missile. The new color will replace the white coating used on most Army missiles.

Program builds internal comms – FAST

Story and photos by **KEN GOSS**
CERDEC

The Army is continually looking for ways to connect people within its ranks, getting more done with less time spent hunting for answers.

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command’s (RDECOM) Field Assistance in Science and Technology Directorate drives this mission home with its Orientation and Reach-Back Training (ORBT) program, putting key personnel who are either being deployed or work in geographically separated locations in touch with the agencies that can help get problems solved quickly.

The biannual training session brought the next group of deployed/separated science and technology personnel to the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Sept. 15 and Fort Belvoir, Virginia, Sept. 17-18.

The group was given insight to the wide range of technical solutions offered by CERDEC through organizational overviews and project updates from the Intelligence and Information Warfare Directorate and the Command, Power and Integration Directorate. The Space and Terrestrial Communications Directorate’s C4ISR Systems Integration Lab and the Joint Satellite Communication Engineering Center Lab presented various capabilities and projects from their areas as well. The group also visited the CERDEC Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate at Fort Belvoir.

“For us, this program is about making connections with people from around the Army so they know who they can reach-back to for the answers they need to help our Soldiers,” said Lt. Col. Shane Sims, CERDEC’s acting military deputy.

The ORBT program objectives include ensuring attendees will be able to understand and write requests for information, operational need statements and joint urgent operational needs statements, as well as for rapidly equipping forces with reach-back capabilities.

“A perfect example of this program’s success came from introductions before the first session. We were able to link up the U.S. Army Pacific Command’s Director of International Technology Center in Australia with one of our foreign liaison officers from Australia. Without this program, he might never have known how accessible this resource was to him,” Sims said.

“The dust is just now settling from



the previous base realignment and closure actions that brought CERDEC to the APG community. So we’re just getting to the point of being familiar ourselves with the offices and agencies who’ve been our neighbors for the last couple of years,” he said. “Now, we can extend that familiarization with other agencies around the Army and start moving forward at an even faster pace.”

Knowing your neighbors who have the answers is only part of the battle. Various cultural or organizational mindsets, as well as Army policies and regulations can still present challenges of their own, said James Gibson, director of RDECOM G-3 FAST.

“A lot of work remains to be done, because answers will very rarely just drop in our laps,” Gibson said.

“Developing the reach-back connections is a great first step, but being familiar with higher Army command levels, as well as making other governmental agency decision-makers aware of the issues we’re running into, then presenting them with various solutions for how to get over the hurdle we’re facing, is going to make a huge improvement in accomplishing everybody’s mission.”



(Top) Lt. Col. Shane Sims, acting military deputy for CERDEC, points out the CERDEC Prototype Integration Facility’s one-of-a-kind capability from a recent project combining two radio connectors onto one radio stand. (Above) Nnamdi Ibeka, a mechanical engineer from the CERDEC Command, Power and Integration Directorate, discusses various options for powering a Soldier’s equipment while lightening the load in the field.

Robots to keep Soldiers out of harm’s way

By **C. TODD LOPEZ**
Army News Service

Most Americans have seen at least one war movie, where at some point a fresh-faced young private is hit with some shrapnel. From the ground, he calls out for the unit medic - another young guy, from another small town, whose quick reaction and skill just may save his life.

In the near future, however, it may no longer be another Soldier, who comes running to his side. Instead, it might be an Army-operated unmanned aerial or ground vehicle, said Maj. Gen. Steve Jones, commander of the Army Medical Department Center and School and chief of the Medical Corps.

“We have lost medics throughout the years because they have the courage to go forward and rescue their comrades under fire,” Jones said. “With the newer technology, with the robotic vehicles we are using even today to examine and to detonate IEDs [improvised explosive devices], those same vehicles can go forward and retrieve casualties.”

Jones spoke at an Association of the United States Army-sponsored medical conference near the Pentagon, Sept. 22.

“We already use robots on the battlefield today to examine IEDs, to detonate them,” he said. “With some minor adaptation, we could take that same technology and use it to extract casualties that are under fire. How many medics have we lost, or other Soldiers, because they have gone in under fire to retrieve a casualty? We can use a robotics device for that.”

Jones said unmanned vehicles used to recover injured Soldiers could be armored to protect those Soldiers on their way home. But the vehicles could do more than just recover Soldiers, he said. With units operating forward, sometimes behind enemy lines, the medical community could use unmanned aerial vehicle systems, or UAVs, to provide support to them.

“What happens when a member of the team comes down with cellulitis or pneumonia? We have got to use telemed-



One day, unmanned vehicles, similar to but larger than this small unmanned ground vehicle, may roll onto battlefields to rescue downed Soldiers, said the commander of the Army Medical Department Center and School.

Photo by Stephen Baack

icine to tele-mentor them on the diagnosis and treatment,” he said, adding that UAVs could be used for delivering antibiotics or blood to those units to keep them in the fight. “So you don’t have to evacuate the casualties, so the team can continue its mission.”

Sensors

Other technology that Jones said already exists, sensors that could monitor a Soldier’s vital signs, for instance, might also one day make their way to the battlefield, being worn by Soldiers full time.

“[The] Army Medical Research and Materiel Command is actually developing physiological sensors that Soldiers can wear,” Jones said. “And in a few years, they will be able to field this. They can be wearing the sensors and we can just monitor them. And we can do that remotely.”

The general likened the sensors to something like a “Fit Bit,” which Soldiers

might wear now to monitor their heart rate and steps taken.

“This is just a step forward that will monitor other physiological parameters,” he said. “Do they need to push more water? How many calories have they consumed? There is a lot of information we can provide commanders that they can use to manage their Soldiers.”

The same sensors could be used to triage casualties automatically, so that those injured Soldiers whose vital signs are the worst are the ones who get rescued first.

“If you see a casualty whose heart rate is way up, whose respiratory rate is way up, that may be an indication they lost a lot of blood, and need treatment now, as opposed to a casualty whose vital signs are stable and you wouldn’t have to treat as quickly,” he said.

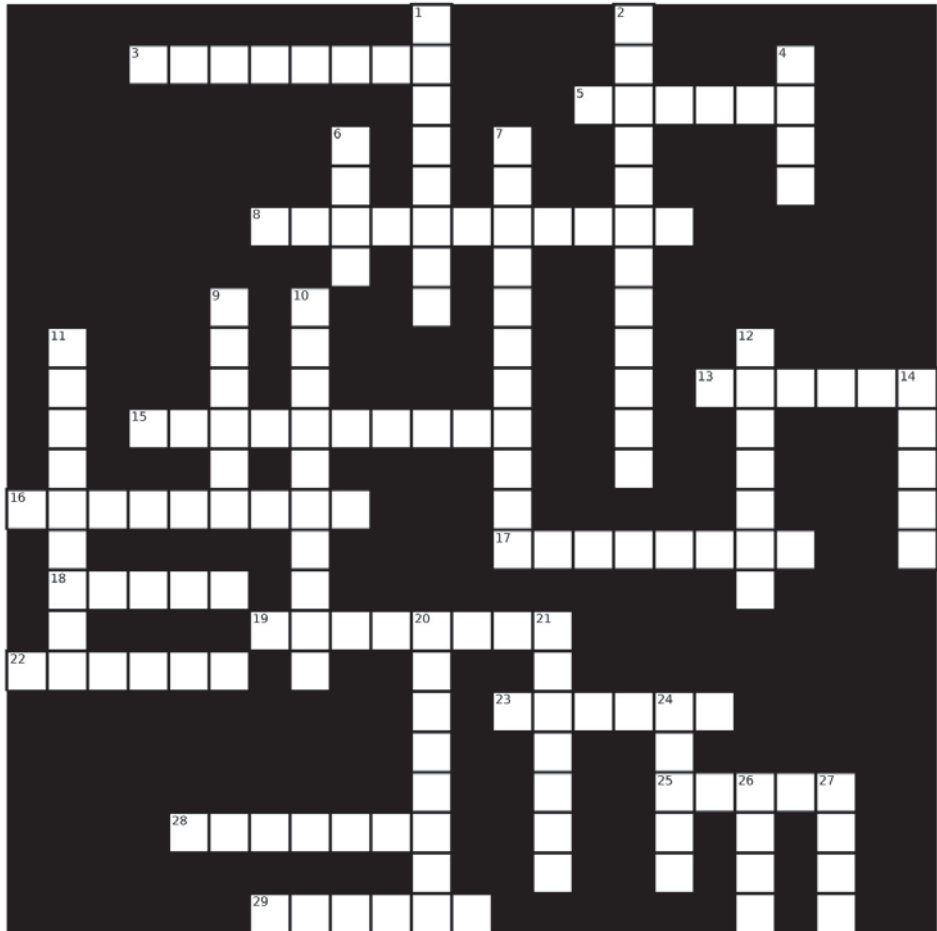
The same sensors can also be installed on unmanned aerial vehicles that might one day rescue Soldiers

when they go down.

Jones also discussed the use of “GoPro” cameras on Soldiers to document wounds and treatment that is administered. Such video, he said, can be transmitted real-time to follow-on treatment facilities where it can be used by physicians there to better understand exactly what treatment a Soldier has already received. Additionally, such footage could be used to provide feedback to the medics who performed the initial care to help them improve their skills. The Army is doing something similar now, he said, through the use of medical simulators.

“[We] train combat medics in simulators and record treatment they provide and play it back for them,” he said. “We show them how they entered the scene, how they surveyed their casualties, how they decided which casualty to treat or not treat. And then we talk to them about the treatment they actually provided.”

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The APG Crossword

Celebrating October

By **AMANDA ROMINIECKI**, *APG News*

As we welcome the start of October, test your knowledge of historical events that took place this month and other trivia celebrating the 10th month of the year.

Across

- 3. Chicago gangster Al Capone, who went by this nickname, was sentenced to 11 years in jail for tax evasion on Oct. 24, 1931.
- 5. After 70 years of American control, this canal was officially handed over to the country of its namesake on Oct. 1, 1979.
- 8. This Bavarian celebration, which lasts 16 days, actually begins in September.
- 13. Ford’s famous automobile, the _____, was put on the

- market Oct. 1, 1908 (2 Words)
- 15. This president, who celebrated an October birthday, is known for establishing NASA in 1957.
- 16. This man, who founded Microsoft, will celebrate his 60th birthday Oct. 28 this year. (2 Words)
- 17. In astrology, people who celebrate October birthdays are libras or
- 18. Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest recipient of the Nobel Prize for this on Oct.

- 14, 1964.
- 19. “Sailing the ocean blue,” this famous explorer made his first landfall in the New World Oct. 12, 1492.
- 22. The Statue of Liberty, which was officially dedicated Oct. 28, 1886, was a gift from this country.
- 23. When the New York City _____ began operation on Oct. 27, 1904 it became the first underground and underwater rail system in the country.
- 25. On Oct. 21, 1915, the first transatlantic message of this type was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from Virginia to Paris.
- 28. The Great Fire ravaged this midwest city Oct. 8, 1957 and burned for 30 hours
- 29. On Oct. 31, 1864, _____ became the 36th state.

Down

- 1. An old farmer’s saying, rain in October means wind in this month.
- 2. Canadians celebrate this holiday in October; Americans normally celebrate it in November.
- 4. This branch of the United States Armed Forces was established Oct. 13, 1775.
- 6. The name “October,” comes from the latin word _____ because it was originally the eighth month of the Roman calendar.
- 7. Major League Baseball culminates with this event, generally held in October. (2 Words)
- 9. This state celebrated official statehood Oct. 18, 1867.
- 10. This Beatle, who would have been 75 years old this year, was born in Liverpool, England on Oct. 9, 1940. (2 Words)
- 11. Known as the Day of

- Atonement, this Jewish holiday, which falls in September or October, is considered the holiest day of the year in Judaism. (2 Words)
- 12. On Oct. 22, 1836, Sam _____ was inaugurated as the first president of the Republic of Texas.
- 14. This well-known American author and humorist, Mark _____, once said “October. This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks in. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August, and February.”
- 20. Formally known as calenda, the month’s official flower comes in variations of yellow and orange
- 21. The Soviet Union launched its first artificial satellite known as this, Oct. 4, 1957
- 24. October in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to this month in the Southern Hemisphere.
- 26. Folklore says that if this animal has a gray coat, we can expect a hard winter.
- 27. October’s birthstone, this gemstone symbolizes hope.

Think you solved last week’s puzzle?
Check out the solution below



Solution to the September 24 puzzle

WORD OF THE WEEK

Ostracize

Pronounced: os-truh-sahyz

Part of speech: Verb (used with object)

Definition

- 1. To exclude, by general consent, from society, friendship, conversation, privileges, etc.
- 2. To banish (a person) from his or her native country; expatriate.
- 3. (In ancient Greece) to banish (a citizen) temporarily by popular vote.

Synonyms:

Exclude; Shun; Spurn; Cold-shoulder; Reject; Shut Out; Avoid

Use:

- His friends ostracized him after his father’s arrest.
- The actor’s widow is expected to call on industry leaders not to ostracize people with the disease.
- The sport would be called sand volleyball – as not to ostracize schools lacking beach-front property.
- They say a single tragedy is being used to ostracize an entire community.

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**, *APG News*
Source(s): www.dictionary.reference.com www.oxforddictionaries.com

ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

BASH

Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard

The Department of Defense continually implements and improves aviation safety programs to provide the safest flying conditions possible. One of these programs is the Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH) prevention program. Throughout the military, air operations, aviation safety, and natural resources personnel work together to reduce the risk of bird and wildlife strikes through the Operational Risk Management process.

This includes determining what types of birds and animals use the airfield environment through a Wildlife Hazard Assessment, and utilizing technology such as images obtained from the National Weather Service Doppler radar or obtaining GIS layers of bird radar activity and using Bird Avoidance Model (BAM) radar technology and related tools such as Avian Hazard Advisory System (AHAS), and mobile marine radars that are implemented at airfields.

For more information, visit the Department of Defense/Partners in Flight website at <http://www.dodpif.org/groups/>

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APG CATCH-A-POACHER PROGRAM

A wide variety of wildlife call Aberdeen Proving Ground home. The APG Conservation Law Enforcement Branch is asking you to be a partner in protecting and preserving the natural resources here on post. If you see or have knowledge of poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources, you can use the SUBMIT-A-TIP hotline to anonymously provide information to catch a poacher.

Call the SUBMIT-A-TIP “HOTLINE” at 410-306-4673.
Emergencies or violations in progress should always be reported via 911.

When reporting poaching or illegal activity involving wildlife or natural resources on APG, please take note of the information listed in the form below.

Name/Description/Address of the Poacher
Location/Days/Times & Type of Poaching
Vehicle/Vessel Description or Registration #

You can also cut out this completed SUBMIT-A-TIP form and mail it to: 2200 Aberdeen Blvd. APG, MD 21005

Forum highlights opportunities for area students

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mander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford; Mary Gable, assistant state superintendent, Division of Academic Policy and Innovation, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE); Barbara P. Canavan, superintendent, Harford County Public Schools (HCPS); and George Roberts, senior executive director of curriculum and instruction, Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS).

During the panel discussion, Crawford thanked collaborators and said the event is about making connections and illuminating conversations surrounding education.

“My hope is that today begins a long, standing relationship between Aberdeen and your installation – because this is your installation – in the areas of education,” he told the audience. “And as your general, it means a lot to me that you took the time to be here.”

Gable said that other installations in Maryland have established similar ties to surrounding communities and that the event established a foundation that should continue to grow.

“Many of the opportunities employed with STEM and [other programs] already employed in this particular county with this particular installation will benefit,” she said. “This is about education opportunities. With the command being very proactive in establishing an education partnership and with support from the school systems and parents, there’s no limit to the learning potential for students.”

Highlighting already-established STEM projects with local schools, Canavan praised APG scientists and engineers, remarking that “they are showing [youth] what they need to become scientists or engineers or obtain a science degree.”

“APG has been very good for our organization,” she said. “All endeavors associated with it have seen so much growth.”

Canavan called parental involvement a vital part of childhood education and she urged listeners to remain involved through all the education years; not just at the beginning.

“As children leave elementary school, for some reason, people think they’re going to be okay,” she said, “but you need to make sure they’re getting what they need at every level. You want to make sure they’re happy and that they’re coming to you with their problems.”

“All parents want what’s best for their children,” she added. “Make sure you’ve done everything you can to support their every opportunity.”

Roberts thanked Crawford for including BCPS and said the installation’s STEM partnerships along with Mary-



From left, panel members APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford and Mary Gable, assistant state superintendent of the Maryland State Department of Education, listen in as Barbara Canavan, superintendent of Harford County Public Schools, responds to a query during the Community Partnership for Education forum at Aberdeen High School, Sept. 26. Not pictured is George Roberts, senior executive director of curriculum and instruction from Baltimore County Public Schools, who served as the fourth panel member.

land’s Career Technology Education (CTE) programs and other trainings that provide similar advantages will enable children and youth to compete on all levels beyond high school.

“This also allows us to take advantage of our proximity to the proving ground,” he said.

According to the MSDE website, Maryland CTE programs fall under ten career clusters, groupings of interrelated occupations that represent the full range of career opportunities in key economic sectors of Maryland’s economy. College and school administrators, counselors, and faculty members are using the career cluster system to develop programs that extend from high school to two-and four-year colleges and universities, apprenticeship programs and the workplace.

Workshops and displays

A series of workshops addressing an array of education-related issues were held in the school’s classrooms where subject matter experts shared information and answered questions. They included personnel from county and state school systems and organizations as well as APG’s Col. Joanna Reagan, program manager and dietician, Army Public Health Center; Louie Lopez, APG STEM outreach coordinator; and Stacie Umbarger, APG Schools Liaison.

The diverse subjects included “Department of Defense STEM Opportunities,” “Mental Health Issues in Childhood and Adolescence,” “Bullying: Fight, Flight or Conquer,” “CTE Pathways – What is Career & Tech Ed?” “Performance Triad for Our Youth,” “Student Ambassador Program,” “What Does it Mean to be College and Career Ready?” “Cyberbullying/Digital Safety,” “Maryland Agenda for Wellness,” “Educational Opportunity for Military Children,” “PARCC Assessments in English/Language Arts,” and “Snapshot of Drug Use in Harford County.”

Casey Weininger, a physical scientist with the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, displayed a basic 3-D printer that students assembled during a STEM summer camp. He also shared information about ECBC additive manufacturing and distributed copies of the organization 2014 Solutions Report.

Master Sgt. Brad Burgess, performance triad liaison, hosted a Public Health Center display and talked to visitors about the Army Performance Triad of exercise, nutrition and sleep, and distributed 26 Week Health Challenge calendars and other health-related handouts.

The Chesapeake Chapter of the Society of American Military Engineers also provided a display.

Attendees and instructors said they appreciated the event.

With one in 12th grade, another in 10th and their youngest in the 5th grade, Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Casquete of the Army Test and Evaluation Command said he and his wife Sandra are all about keeping apprised of opportunities for their children.

“I’m always away so she’s the one who helps them, but we’re both excited by the STEM opportunities,” he said. “We never heard about this at Fort Riley [Kansas].”

“He’s an awesome mentor,” Sandra Casquete said of her husband, adding that her oldest children are “at the stage where they’re unsure” of which path to take.

“So we’re learning everything we can and pushing them both to be ready when it’s time to step out,” she said.

Heather Wooldridge, college and career readiness coordinator, BCPS, instructed the “What Does It Mean to be College and Career Ready” workshop, which addressed state readiness standards and explored the four keys to college and career readiness. Wooldridge said the parents were “amazing.”

“I asked them to be collaborative learners and they embraced that,” she said. “I’m hoping they can use what they learned. The whole idea was geared to getting parents to be energized about education. We need to keep learning and growing with our children.”

Expo makes awareness, prevention interactive

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The event opened with welcoming remarks from RDECOM Chief of Staff Col. Christopher Lackovic who said eradicating sexual harassment and assault is a top priority for the Army. Senior Army leadership, he said, aims to engineer climate change through prevention, intervention and awareness.

“Our people are the strength of the nation and what they do,” he said. “Anything that interferes with getting the job done and meeting the mission is a detractor and we need to stop that.”

Lackovic challenged attendees to share what they learn at the expo with their friends, family and colleagues.

“You can be a part of the force that prevents sexual harassment and assault just by having a dialogue,” he said. “It’s important.”

Lackovic added that it is important to intervene when necessary.

“We will help change the overall climate of our commands, of our community and of the world around us,” he said. “We have the ability to do that.”

Interactive exhibits

After opening remarks attendees completed six interactive, educational activities. The expo served as an opportunity to fulfill an annual training requirement, and attendees had to complete all six activities in order to receive training credit.

Rachell Arceneaux, a sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) with the Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center in Huntsville, Alabama, led several self-defense demonstrations with volunteer Austin Quaglieri. Arceneaux taught attendees how to disengage, or run away if they are the target of an attack.

Arceneaux said during an assault she recommends yelling “fire” or “rape” rather than “help” to get attention.

“Our society has become desensitized



(From left) Rachell Arceneaux, a sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) with the Aviation and Missile Research, Development, and Engineering Center at Huntsville, Alabama and volunteer Austin Quaglieri lead a self-defense demonstration during the Team APG Sexual Harassment/Assault Response & Prevention (SHARP) Expo at the Army Research Laboratory Conference Center on APG North (Aberdeen), Sept. 23.

to the word ‘help,’” she said.

At the “Are You Strong Enough to Intervene?” activity, two volunteers acted out a workplace situation in which one employee was invading the personal space of the other. As bystanders, participants were challenged to intervene.

Syd Mapp, with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, said the activity was beneficial.

“Now I think I will be able spot a situation like that better,” he said. “Which means I will be able to help sooner.”

At the “How SHARP Are You?” exhibit, attendees competed with each other to test their knowledge about the SHARP program in a set-up similar to a lightning round of “Jeopardy!” Theresa Owolabi, from the Garrison SHARP Office, and Deborah Prue, an RDECOM SHARP and wellness coordinator, were

on site to test participants and answer questions.

Michell Shoultz, with the APG SHARP Resource Center, led attendees through a trust-building exercise called “Four Corners.” Shoultz said trust is very important when eliminating sexual harassment and assault.

“If you are a victim, you have to trust that your supervisor will believe you and you are not going to be retaliated against, and they will get you into the system, which works,” she said. “The other element is that if you are a bystander you have to trust that your organization will back you up.”

At the “Breaking the Silence: Awareness through Understanding” exhibit, attendees viewed testimonies from survivors of sexual harassment and assault.

Event organizer Sgt. 1st Class Tasha

Wright, RDECOM SARC/SHARP coordinator, said she received positive feedback from participants who enjoyed the new, interactive format. She said the goal of the SHARP Expo was to raise awareness and get attendees actively involved.

“We hope to host more training events like this in the future,” she said.

Cynthia Palinski, with the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command, called the expo “creative.”

“I really enjoy this new format. It was a nice change of pace from your typical classroom environment,” she said. “I think they did a good job putting it together. It makes you think.”

Staff Sgt. James Buensucos, with Alpha Battery, 3rd Air Defense Artillery (JLENS), said he appreciates having another training option.

“I like the SHARP Expo. It’s different, very interactive,” he said.

Ella Wynn, who is a SARC at Fort Detrick, Maryland, said she attended the event with colleagues because they are interested in hosting a similar event.

“We want to take some of things they do here and take it back to Fort Detrick,” Wynn said. “I think it is great that they are showing victim’s stories, because then people take it [sexual harassment and assault] more personally.”

For more information about the APG SHARP program visit the APG SHARP Resource Center located on the second floor of the Janet M. Barr Soldier Center in Bldg. 4305, call 410-322-7154, or go to the APG Sharp Resource Center Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/APGSHARPResourceCenter>.

The center, available to both military and civilians, offers a “one-stop-shop” where APG military and civilian community members can go for consolidated sexual harassment and assault response and treatment. For help or further information, contact the APG SHARP Hotline at 410-322-7154.

Gold Star families find comfort through community

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Crawford said the day is about “honor, reflection and friendship” and that the APG community is here to provide comfort to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

“I want to thank the mothers and the families for keeping us on your team,” he said. “For keeping us in your thoughts and prayers and for sustaining that connection with your military installation.”

He said Gold Star family members make military communities stronger with their many contributions and he challenged survivors to share their story.

“Our Gold Star mothers, our Gold Star families, they aren’t victims and they don’t want to be seen as victims,” he said. “They make a significant contribution to our ability to do our jobs on a daily basis.”

Gold Star father Garry Green shared a few memories about his daughter Spc. Toccara R. Green who was killed during an improvised explosive device attack on her convoy in Asad, Iraq, Aug. 14, 2005.

“Even though your loved one is gone, they are not forgotten,” he said. “These people here really care for us. This is a family here. We got to support each other.”

After the program Green said Gold Star events are like “therapy.”

“People [Gold Star families] come to these events and they find out they are not alone,” he said. “My daughter’s life did matter, and she is still being recognized.”

Green’s wife Yvonne said she tries to give back to military communities whenever possible by volunteering with the Maryland Gold Star Mothers.

“We honor and remember our children through service,” she said.

Gold Star wife Tonya Armstead said she appreciates the support she receives



APG Senior Commander Maj. Gen. Bruce T. Crawford and his wife Dianne, center, pose with Gold Star families and APG chapel members after a brunch honoring Gold Star Mother’s and Families Day at Top of the Bay, Sept. 27.

from the APG community. Armstead added that meeting other survivors has helped her cope with the loss of her husband.

“The love that is shown is outstanding,” she said.

Gold Star wife Danielle Charles said she appreciates the opportunity to meet other survivors.

“Sometimes when you are dealing with grief you want to withdraw, you don’t want to be social,” she said. “When you find people that can relate to you, it can help with the healing.”

Survivor Outreach Services

Temporary ACS Survivor Outreach

Services (SOS) coordinator Mike Farlow, said the event was focused on honoring Gold Star families and celebrating the legacies of fallen service members.

Farlow added that his goal is to reach out to more SOS members through e-mails, social media, phone calls and mail. He said that survivors are encouraged to participate in installation social events throughout the year.

“The word is getting out about our program,” Farlow said. “I think that is one of the reasons more people are attending events like this.”

The SOS program provides lifetime support to families of deceased service

members. The program aims to provide access to support, information and services at a location near the survivor, for as long as needed. SOS utilizes support groups for adults and children; professional financial counseling on post with referrals to outside counseling.

Army Community Service is located in Bldg. 2503 on APG North (Aberdeen) Its hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday.

For more information, contact Farlow at 410-278-2435 or email michael.b.farlow.civ@mail.mil, or search for “Aberdeen Proving Ground-Survivor Outreach Services” on Facebook.

Fire prevention events scheduled for Oct. 4-10

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APG Fire Prevention Week events

To drive home this message, the APG Fire Department will host various activities during fire prevention week, culminating in two major events. The first, to take place at the C4ISR Campus Courtyard, will include demonstrations, displays and fire prevention information Wednesday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The second event will be an open house at the fire department, Bldg. 2200, Friday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house will include larger-scale demonstrations, CPR and AED trainings, and fire prevention information.

Both Fire Prevention Week events will promote “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!” Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

Hear the Beep Where You Sleep

According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire in half. Meanwhile, three out of five fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign includes the following smoke alarm tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. This way, when one sounds, they all do.
- Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or sooner if they don’t respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the smoke alarm and understands what to do when they hear it.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.
- Call the fire department from outside the home.

To find out more about APG Fire Prevention Week programs and activities visit the APG Facebook page at www.facebook.com/APGmd. To learn more about smoke alarms and “Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!” visit NFPA’s website at www.firepreventionweek.org and www.sparky.org/fpw.



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Did You Know?

Sgt. 1st Class Agustín Ramos Calero was the most decorated Puerto Rican and Hispanic Soldier in the United States military during World War II.



Calero was born and raised in the town of Isabela, Puerto Rico. In 1941, Calero joined the Army and was assigned to Puerto Rico’s 65th Infantry Regiment and trained as a rifleman at Camp Las Casas in Santurce, Puerto Rico. Upon the outbreak of World War II, Calero was reassigned to the Third U.S. Infantry Division and sent to Europe. In 1945, Calero’s company was in the vicinity of Colmar, France and engaged in combat against a squad of German soldiers in what is known as the Battle of Colmar Pocket. Calero attacked the squad. He killed 10 enemy soldiers and captured 21 before being wounded. His comrades nicknamed him, “One-Man Army” and he was awarded the Silver Star for his actions.

Calero was wounded four times in Europe before the war ended. During this time, he was awarded 22 decorations and medals, making him the Puerto Rican and Hispanic Soldier with the most military decorations in all of the United States during that conflict.

Calero also served with the 65th in Korea during the Korean War. He retired at the rank of sergeant first class in 1962 after 21 years of service. Calero died Feb. 10, 1989 at age 69 and was buried with full military honors in the Puerto Rico National Cemetery in Bayamón. His hometown, Isabela, named an avenue after him.

On June 10, 2014, President Barack Obama, signed the legislation known as “The Borinqueneers CGM Bill.” The Bill honors the 65th Infantry Regiment, the first segregated Hispanic military unit and the first unit of the Korean War, to receive such

distinction. The 65th Infantry Regiment was nicknamed “The Borinqueneers” from the original Taíno name of the island (Borinquen),

As of 2013, only four military units had been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. These were the Navaho Wind Talkers – Native American Marines whose primary job was the transmission of secret tactical messages with the use of their Native language; the Nisei Soldiers - Japanese American intelligence soldiers during WWII in the Pacific, Africa, Italy and France; the Tuskegee Airmen - the first African-American military aviators; and the Montford Point Marines - the first African-Americans to break the race barrier in the Marines. In addition, the Women’s Air Service Pilots (WASP) received the Congressional Gold Medal.

Calero’s awards and decorations included:

- The Silver Star
- The Purple Heart with three oak leaf clusters
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- American Campaign Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four bronze stars
- World War II Victory Medal
- Army of Occupation Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Korean Service Medal
- French Croix de Guerre
- United Nations Service Medal
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

Badges:

- Combat Infantryman Badge

Foreign unit decorations:

- Fourragère cord: Granted by France to the Third Infantry Division.
- Chryssoun Aristion Andrias (Bravery Gold Medal of Greece): Given by the Government of Greece to the 65th Infantry Regiment and to the members of the regiment who fought in the Korean War.

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APG SNAPSHOT

Take a peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.

40 PUNT, PASS & KICK THROUGH CONTEST

Plenty of APG children and youth turned out for the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition at the Child, Youth and School Services soccer field, Sept. 25. Kyle Lacey, youth sports program assistant, said about 40 children of APG Soldiers and civilians, ages 6 to 15, registered for the event. Participants received, first, second or third place ribbons. Lacey said the first-place winners move on to the next round set for Oct. 11 at St. Paul's School in Brooklandville, Maryland.

(Clockwise from top) Ten-year-old Katie Kegley finishes a kick; Andrew Miller, 7, rears back to pass; Jay Coats, 7, aims to achieve.

Photos by Yvonne Johnson



80+ HUSTLE IN FIRST APG RACE AGAINST WASTE 5K RUN/WALK

More than 80 members of Team APG participated in the first Race Against Waste 5K run/walk starting at Top of Bay, Sept. 24. The event featured a scenic route with views of the Chesapeake Bay, and was hosted by the APG Qualified Recycling Program and the Pollution Prevention Program, coincided with Pollution Prevention Week. In keeping with the theme, the bibs worn by registered participants were printed with an eco-friendly soy-based ink and were 100 percent recyclable.

(Above) Participant Yoonkee Kim, with the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, accepts a wireless pedometer from Maia Kaiser, DPW pollution prevention program manager. Ten runners and five walkers who finished the race with the fastest time received pedometers.

(Left) Ebony Price-Brueckner, with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, and Gail Sauer, ATEC health and wellness coordinator, run together on Plumb Point Loop during the Race Against Waste 5K run/walk at Top of the Bay Sept. 24. Price-Brueckner is participating in a Couch to 5K running program with other ATEC employees.

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